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Angelica Blenich Staff



Fire destroys Minden home

Angelica Blenich

Staff reporter

It took 20 firefighters from Minden Hills and Dysart to battle a fire that claimed a home at 1059 Tiffany Lane in Minden Hills on March 15.

The fire started around 11 a.m., when it was spotted by neighbours who called 9-1-1.

Owners Ron and Charlotte Pellerin were not at the place they have called home for the past 15 years at the time of the fire.

Ron's wife was out shopping for the day and he was running errands in Minden, gone for about an hour and a half.

Upon seeing the flames from his house on Deep Bay Road, Robbie Stevenson called 9-1-1 before heading over to the fire.

Once there he tried kicking the door down.

"I heard there was a dog inside from another neighbour," said Stevenson.

Stevenson and nearby neighbours Darlene and Dave Pettes, who are close friends of the Pellerins, immediately began pulling items out

of the garage.

Darlene called hydro to notify them of a line that was coming down.

The couple's schnauzer was not home at the time of the fire.

"Thank God because I couldn't get in to the house to save her ... I was just devastated until I knew she was safe," said Darlene.

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Owners grateful for neighbours who salvaged what they could

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When Ron made his way back home the situation awaiting him was one he couldn't have imagined.

"I fell apart. It's hard to see everything go up in flames."

Twelve Minden Hills firefighters attended the scene, along with eight Dysart firefighters, who were called in for assistance.

Minden Hills fire chief Doug Schell was out of town at the time, but visited the scene on the afternoon of March 15.

Through an extensive search of the property and discussions with the owner, Schell was able to determine that the fire started in the basement area of the house.

"Due to the extent of the damage I couldn't really pinpoint exactly what started it," he said.

Along with the fire departments, EMS and hydro crews were on the scene. Fire crews remained for about three hours, said Schell.

Minden Hills deputy fire chief Myles Gartshore said by the time crews arrived the house was fully engulfed.

"It was easy to see the smoke," said Gartshore.

The house is a total loss, said Dysart fire chief Miles Maughan.

The homeowners are grateful for their neighbours and those who have offered lodging, clothing and other help.

"They've all been great. The neighbours saved my ATV ... they saved my snowmobile. The neighbours did their best to get out what they could," said Ron. "It just happened so fast."

The Pellerins plan to rebuild on the property but realize it will likely take a year before they are able to move into a new house.

In the meantime the couple is staying at the Minden Motel and looking for a place to rent while they rebuild.

On March 18, Ron was scheduled to meet with the insurance adjuster, hoping to get some insight into the cause of the fire.

The Pettes have been trying to help in any way they can, opening their home to the Pellerins and taking them out shopping to help them rebuild their lives.

"They're doing really well. It's devastating but you pick the pieces up and you move on. It's going to be a tough year but things will come together and they will be fine," said Darlene.

Schell extended a big thank you to the Dysart fire department for providing assistance in the situation.

"We have a great mutual aid system in the county."

-With files from Chad Ingram

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MH to pass non-smoking policy

Ultimate disciplinary action for violation is dismissal

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Minden Hills council will be adopting a non-smoking policy, one whose ultimate disciplinary action for violation is dismissal.

Councillors accepted the draft policy at

their March 14 committee-of-the-whole meeting with little discussion.

"The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills is committed to the health and safety of our employees and everyone wishing to visit our premises," it reads. "As second-hand smoke is a proven health hazard, smoking or holding lighted tobacco is prohibited in all enclosed work areas within the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills work sites, without exception. This includes common work areas, private offices, washrooms, lobbies, parking garages, loading docks, cafeterias and work vehicles."

The purpose of the policy, the document

reads, is to protect employees and visitors from second-hand smoke, offer support to staff who want to quit and "ensure compliance with and enhance the legislative requirements under the Smoke-Free Ontario Act."

The policy will apply to employees as well as anyone visiting the township and no-smoking signs will be posted in affected areas.

According to the policy, failure by an employee to adhere to the rules will result in progressive disciplinary action.

Step 1 is a verbal warning from a manager or supervisor and a reminder of the policy.

Step 2, if a violation is repeated, is for an employee to receive a violation warning notice outlining the details of the violation.

If there is continued violation, Step 3 is that an incident report form and witness statement form be sent to the Haliburton, Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit for follow-up.

"Continued non-compliance may result in disciplinary [action] up to and including dismissal," the policy reads.

According to the document, employees are responsible for encouraging each other to adhere to the policy and reporting violations to a supervisor.

Children's charity helps local family

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

A local family recently received a gift from President's Choice Children's Charity.

Tiffany Ledger and Kyle Brown now have an accessible van to transport their

daughter, Makayla, who uses a wheelchair.

"It's wonderful to be able to help a child get the best start they can get and change their life for the better," said Lynda Easton, owner of Easton's Valu-Mart in Minden.

Staff at the store raise money twice a year by selling paper icons that donors can write their names on.

Staff have also donated money to the charity directly from their pay.

"The community really deserves the thanks, though," said Easton. "It is our customers and their families who donate most of the money and graciously accept cashiers asking for donations at checkout time. We are fortunate to live in such a generous and supportive community."

The administrative cost of the charity is covered by Loblaw's, so 100 per cent of the proceeds collected go to projects.

Since 1989, the charity has awarded more than \$72 million to some 10,000 families and funded 4,000 nutrition programs throughout the country.

It was the second time a local family has benefited from the charity.



Chad Ingram Staff

Lynda Easton, owner of Easton's Valu-Mart, stands with Kyle Brown, Tiffany Ledger and their daughter, Makayla. The family recently received a minivan with a ramp, towards which President's Choice Children's Charity contributed \$20,000.

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Culture club



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Above, Olivia Melle works on a mobile at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre on March 14.

Left, Emmeline Duffy was busy making a mobile using the lyrics to one of her favourite Taylor Swift songs during Culture Club for Kids at the Minden Hills Community Centre on March 14. The program ran during March break, offering art and crafts and outdoor education.

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our editorial

Drying up

THE LIQUOR CONTROL Board of Ontario should consider putting out another request for proposals for a new agency store location in Carnarvon.

Before anybody goes finding me a rehab centre, hear me out.

A couple of weeks ago I wrote a story about a Carnarvon business that has had its status as an agency store terminated by the board of the LCBO.

For years this business also sold gasoline, but that hasn't been the case for many months now.

Businesses come and go in the county all the time.

It's part of the reality of the largely seasonal economy. However, this business wasn't just any business.

It was the only place in Carnarvon where people could buy gas and liquor – arguably the two most important liquids in Western society.

Well, there's water, of course.

It was an anchor, or hub, one could say.

Throughout the year, but particularly in the summer, people would stop in Carnarvon to buy beer and gas on their way to the cottage.

And they did.

There were long weekends when I remember the lineup being out the

door.

Carnarvon is a bit of an orphan; it's kind of out there on its own.

It's technically part of Minden Hills, but is very nearly in Algonquin Highlands and not far from the township's political heart on North Shore Road.

It feels like it should be part of Algonquin Highlands and is definitely where many of the township's residents head to pick up their wares.

The ones that are available there, anyway.

It seems almost certain that the handful of businesses in the community will be affected

by the lack of gas and booze.

A family on their way to the cottage on a Friday night is more likely stop in one place for everything – gas, booze and dinner.

From the LCBO's perspective, it seems silly not to take advantage of Carnarvon's location at the nexus of highways 35 and 118, arguably two of the busiest thoroughfares in the area.

There are large cottaging populations on Kushog, Mountain, Boshkung, Halls, Maple, Beech and Cameron lakes, all just a few minutes' drive away, that offer regular repeat business throughout the warm months.

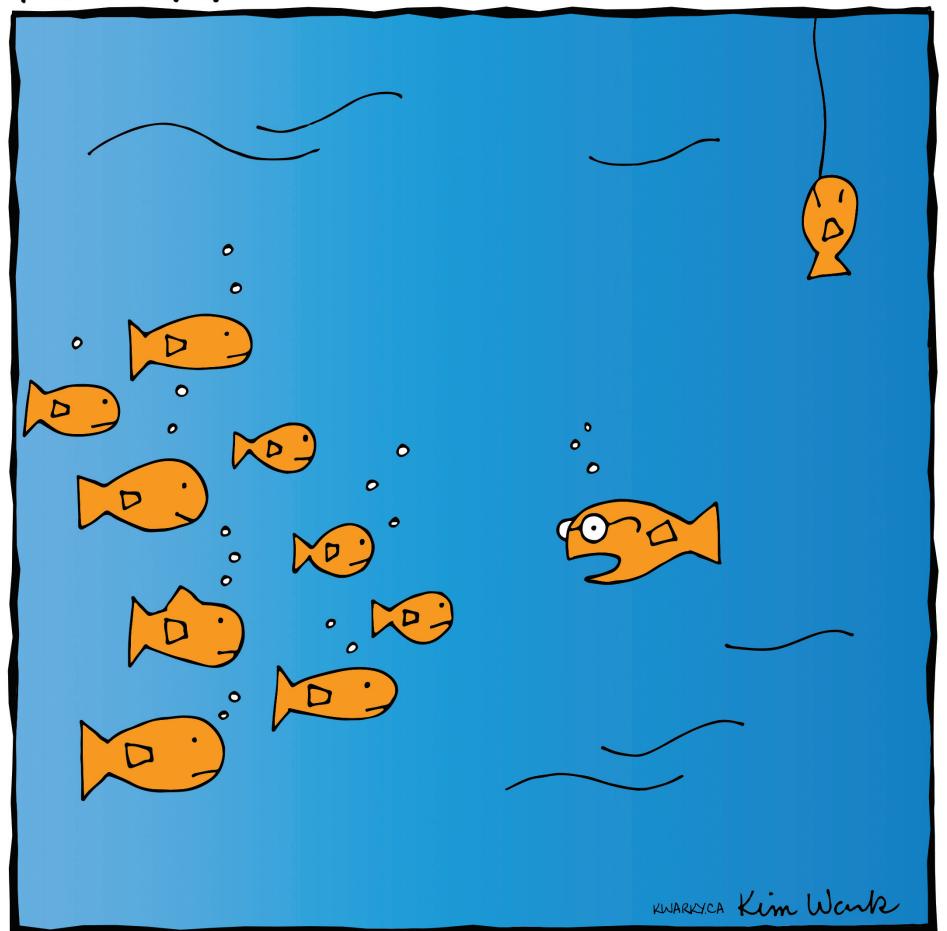
Seems like a waste.



Chad Ingram
Reporter

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"IF ANYONE MISBEHAVES, YOU'LL BE SUSPENDED!"

letters to the editor

Thank you, Minden

With sadness

To the Editor,

My wife and I recently lost our home by a fire. This place had been our special place for the past 15 years.

We want to express our gratitude to everyone in the Minden community for everything.

The many, many offers of places to stay were overwhelming.

People offered land and garages for storage. Everyone at every place in the Minden area provided us some level of assistance.

The loss of our home will be covered by insurance.

For all of the heartfelt offers for everything from everyone, my wife and I want to say thank you.

Thank you very much to the community of Minden. Thank you.

Ron and Charlotte Pellerin
Minden

To the Editor,

It was with sadness that we announced the closure of Whispers North Gallery and Gifts from our downtown Minden location, in February.

I thank the community for the past 10 wonderful years of your loyalty and friendship! We have had the very good fortune to meet so many special people who have become friends and constant followers of Whispers North.

Our success has been due to the interest of our residents, the amazing creativity of our artists, supportive organizations (too numerous to name), visitors to the county and friendly cottagers, all who care deeply about our town.

As one cottager expressed, "We care about how well you do [your business]; this is our community too."

My gratitude extends to the Minden business community for all the support, sharing of ideas and the communal spirit shown as we participated in community events.

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points of view

Get ready for hard times

CALL IT THE first sign of our slow demise.

I'm talking, of course, about what every logger, trapper, soldier, cop and truck driver must have discussed this morning – yes, I'm referring to the breaking news about the international shortage of yoga pants.

First, let me say that we were fools to believe this day would never come.

Those of you who ignored my warnings at a town hall meeting several years ago must now be feeling pretty stupid, I bet. And you're probably also wondering if my other prediction – the one about the resurgence of spats – will also come to pass.

Well, let's just say I'm wearing them now.

I won't go on about how you have to respect a person who wears spats. That would be silly.

Instead, let's talk about what this cur-

rent crisis means.

So far, I'm happy to say there has not been panic in the streets. Thus far, we're all remaining calm. But I can't help but wonder when this will all change.

I suspect right now in the big cities yoga clothing supply stores are turning away customers who are internally angry but very good at appearing outwardly calm. There's probably a lot of deep breathing and visualization going on there too. But behind all that is a volatile, angry mob.

Not since the Great Gymnast Revolt of 1795, has there been a more flexible mob either.

This is scary.

Yoga pants, as we all know, are a cornerstone of modern civilization. With-

out them, there is the very real possibility that people will show up at their yoga classes donning track pants.

And, precisely because it is a yoga class, they will be accepted and nurtured too. That's where it all goes bad. You see, not long after, legions of track pant wearing yoga practitioners will come to the realization that they are finally truly comfortable. So comfortable that, after class, they'll stop in at the grocery store or bank machine still wearing those track pants. And

because they have just been nurtured at yoga class, they will not even feel self-conscious about it.

Others will see this. And then, like a plague, more and more people will start wearing track pants in public.



Steve Galea
Beyond 35

I'm sure I don't need to remind you all of the implications of this – I'm talking relaxed fit track pants, cinched up to the belly button and beyond.

As we all know, a person who wears track pants in public, when not jogging, is essentially proclaiming, "I have given up."

The Communist Chinese – who supply most of our yoga pants, by the way – are watching. I'm guessing their generals will order the attack to begin when a group of four or more people in track pants gathers at a coffee shop and orders lattes.

Resist the urge to wear track pants. Or, at the very least, wear spats too.

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Music to my ears

NO MUSIC IS so sweet as the sound of children's laughter.

No need for any *Ode to Joy*, for there is more joy in the shouts of happy children than in all the songs the world has ever written. Roll over, Beethoven. No need for you.

Not on Sapsucker Ridge, not on a glorious Spring Break Tuesday, not when two grandchildren – my wife's, not my own – fill the woods with a symphony of their rejoicing.

They are to observe Sapsucker's rite of spring, the gathering of the sap, but there is no sap to gather on this day and so we waste our afternoon having a really good time.

What we do, the three of us, is ride the gathering trails without the excuse of sap in the buckets. Just full steam ahead, the grownup on a tracked ATV, towing a sled loaded with an empty haul tank, a nine-year-old boy and a seven-year-old girl hysterical with glee.

Surprisingly enough for Haliburton, Sapsucker Ridge is not flat, which may be why it is called a ridge and not a plain. The trails are all hills and hollows, twists and dips, threading between trees so close to one another that there is no room for trail-side

buckets.

There is a great loop of a main trail, cut across by a diagonal trail, and lesser loops to get at the harvest, and we ride them all. It is Mother Nature's roller-coaster.

Blue sky, buckets glittering in the sun, snow whiter than white, a cargo of cacophony behind me, two voices filling the woods with enough whooping and hollering for the midway at the Kinmount Fair.

Over the brow of a hill and down, over bumps and thumps and bumps, around curves, and stop to look in a bucket.

Romantic ravens gurgle and chortle sweet nothings, a pileated wood-pecker cackles, chickadees flirt, but the grandchildren hear none of it, for the ride is everything.

There is a flaw in our design, in the design of so many living things, of pups and cubs, of kits and kittens, that says we must trade unfettered joy for maturity. When we grow up, we get careful with our feelings.

On this day, we get careful with



Neil Campbell
Back of Beyond

The Brown Dog Jiggs, who has taken to wandering and knows the way to Hyland Crest. We tie him up while we ride, then park the ATV and walk him home, the leash in the little girl's hand.

Sometimes, if we are very lucky, we give children the gift of a memory that will last a lifetime. A lifetime ago, an uncle takes us to the circus. My father sings *Lambs and Ivy* as we walk through farm fields with our dog Pal. Singing off-key – my

father, that is, not Pal. I can close my eyes and it is right there.

If my memory of this day with the grandchildren will always be dressed in snow, chances are they will remember the mud, for it was the most fun of all.

Have you ever seen one of those war movies, where a tank or jeep goes racing through a November battlefield, mud flying everywhere?

The road to Sapsucker Ridge runs between the Kernohan Pit and what I still think of as the Kernohan Pond, though it now belongs to somebody

else, and locals give it some other name entirely.

Spring thaws it into goo each year and this year equipment heavier than my pickup turns the goo into porridge.

Ruts and bumps twist my steering wheel and mud, as on the battlefield, is flying everywhere. The only way through is to keep going, to not slow down one bit, and hope for the best.

It is no place for an Oldsmobile. We are up to our scuppers in mud. It rains mud. A splash and the world beyond the windshield disappears. Did I mention the mud? How high does it fly? There is mud on the roof of my pickup. Mud blots the side mirror.

Paroxysms of delight fill up the cab. Grandchildren bounce from side to side, screaming with joy. Look at the mud fly, I remark.

Come back next year, I tell them. Bring an extra change of clothes. Ride in the back and get splattered. If by then you are not too grown up for such nonsense.

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letters

Thank you to our customers

from page 6

The artists, our raison d'être, the creators of one-of-a-kind, very beautiful works of art, offered a world of discovery and pleasure to our viewers.

A very special thank you is also extended

to our long serving staff member and friend, Sandria Garry, and Donna McKay, who more recently joined the staff team.

We will be retaining the business name and contact information, including the email address: whispersnorth@sympatico.ca. At a later date, we may consider the idea

of opening a small shop in the country, under the same name. If so, we will let you know via email or telephone. Please send us your contact information if you have not already done so and we will inform you of any upcoming changes.

Thanks to all! Our day-to-day friendly

interactions with our customer-friends and Minden business colleagues will be greatly missed. Please keep in contact with Whispers North and we'll stay in touch with you!

Susan J. Kellar
Minden

INSPECTION

Inspection of Approved 2013–2014 Annual Work Schedule Bancroft Minden Forest

The Bancroft District Office of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) has reviewed and approved the Bancroft Minden Forest Company (BMFC) April 1, 2013–March 31, 2014 Annual Work Schedule (AWS) for the Bancroft Minden Forest.

Availability

The AWS will be available for public inspection at the BMFC office and the MNR public website at ontario.ca/forestplans beginning March 1, 2013 and throughout the one-year duration. The Ontario Government Information Centre at North Kawartha Township Public Library, Apsley and the ServiceOntario office in Minden provide access to the Internet.

Scheduled Forest Management Operations

The AWS describes forest management activities such as road construction, maintenance and decommissioning, forestry aggregate pits, harvest, site preparation, tree planting and tending that are scheduled to occur during the year.

Tree Planting and Fuelwood

BMFC is responsible for tree planting on the Bancroft Minden Forest. Please contact BMFC at 613-332-6890 for information regarding tree planting job opportunities.

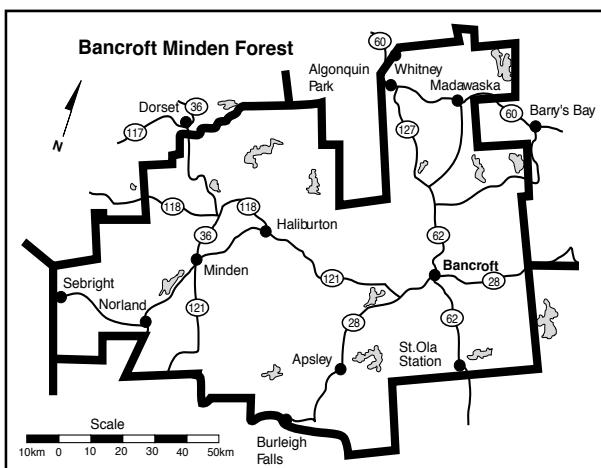
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More Information

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Province explains bridge funding denial

County was looking for \$1.7 million for Head Lake bridge

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The province has explained why Haliburton County was excluded from proceeding with its application to the Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative for repairs to the Head Lake bridge.

It turns out there were other communities that applied to the program that were in greater financial need than the county.

"What killed the project was the way we were funding it and our ability to fund it," roads director Doug Ray told councillors at a March 13 roads committee meeting. "They drew a line in the sand and we were on the wrong side."

Councillors discovered the county had not made the cut for funding on Feb. 20 and when county staff had asked for an explanation, the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, which oversees MIII, responded it could take a few weeks.

Staff at the ministry had set up a conference call with staff at Infrastructure Ontario, who were responsible for rating the projects.

Treasurer Laura Janke told councillors at the March 13 committee meeting that expressions of interests had been assessed on three main factors.

"Whether it was critical or not . . . we passed that," Janke said. "Whether we were committed to asset management . . . we passed that."

The third criterion was the fiscal need of the applying municipalities. "We were competing with a lot of lower-tier municipalities . . . communities that just had a greater need than ours," said Janke, who added this may have meant they were already in debt or lacking reserves. Haliburton County is debt-free for the first time in a decade and has approximately \$2.5 million in reserves. The second phase of funding under the program made just more than \$50 million available.

The county had requested 90 per cent of the \$1.9 million – or \$1.7 million – needed to fix the Head Lake bridge, which has a cracked pier cap, undermined footings and leaking and worn expansion joints among other problems. It was built in 1963 and this was not the first time the county has applied for funding for repairs.

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County to give money to local filmmakers .

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Haliburton County news

Hockey doc gets tourism committee nod

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The county's tourism committee is recommending the county look for money in its tourism budget to sponsor *There's Something in the Water*, a documentary about Haliburton County's hockey legacy.

Bent Nose Media's Wade Greer and Charlie Teljeur - the pair behind golf/travel show *Highways to Fairways* - were in county council chambers on March 13 looking for \$3,500 sponsorship from the county.

For that, the municipality would receive 15 video testimonial segments from the documentary, a minimum of one a month to be posted to county's website, Facebook or Twitter, etc.

The county's logo would also go on the documentary's blog page with a link to the municipal site.

The county would also get two years of licensing rights, a credit in the documentary and two tickets to its VIP launch.

Greer and Teljeur have spent the last year and a half travelling and tracking down some big hockey personalities - from players to refs to writers and broadcasters - and interviewing them about Haliburton County's connection to hockey and the NHL.

For such a small community, the county has produced a fine crop of professional hockey players.

The film includes interviews with TSN's Bob McKenzie, Sun Media columnist Steve Simmons and late NHL legend Wren Blair, all of them paying tribute to the county's place in hockey history.

"It's to have people, unsolicited, talk about the area," said Greer, explaining the promotional benefit to councillors.

It's clear that many of the interviewees - there are more than 50 in all - have nostalgic memories of Haliburton.

"These are sincere opinions of the area," Teljeur said. "Especially at hockey camp ... they had an amazing experience up here."

Greer also pointed that out many of the film's participants have massive social media following.

Local hockey hero Matt Duchene, for instance, has some 100,000 Twitter followers.

The film was funded largely by private investors and the Haliburton County Development Corporation.

While the budget has been set for 2013, committee members were on side, voting that the county search its tourism budget for the sponsorship money.

"There's such an emotional draw," said Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen.

The film is scheduled to air on a major Canadian network in the fall.

Tourism guide goes to Parking Pad and Printing

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The county will likely be sticking with Parking Pad and Printing Ltd. for the production of the 2014 Haliburton County Destination Guide.

The company produced the guides for 2012, when the project had been tendered out, and 2013, when council used an option to extend the contract by up to two years.

Based on the conversation at a county tourism committee meeting on March 13, it seems the county will be extending the contract another year.

"It's a much improved guide," said Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid. "The way the whole thing is presented I think is very positive. I think their performance over the last two years indicates they are good salespeople."

Algonquin Highlands Reeve and County Warden Carol Moffatt agreed, adding that owner Janis Parker has been open to constructive criticism and suggestions from the municipality.

The contract for last year's guide came to just less than \$50,000.

While the guide is meant as a profit-neutral promotional tool for the county, the 2012 guide generated a small profit of a few thousand dollars.

On this year's guide, revenues were down about \$600, which will be taken out of the 2013 tourism budget.

The county requested that fewer ads go in the guide this year as last year there were a number of complaints that they publication seemed too busy.

Next year the project will come up for tender again.

For the third year in a row, the county will be awarding the contract for its destination guide to Janis Parker's Parker Pad and Printing Ltd. Next year, the project will go back out for tender.

Chad Ingram Staff



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MH tunes noise and firework bylaws

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Minden Hills councillors looked at an updated draft noise bylaw and a draft fireworks bylaw during their March 14 committee-of-the-whole meeting.

"The old one was kind of vague," said interim chief builder officer/bylaw officer Colin McKnight of the noise bylaw.

Its general noise regulations read as follows:

"No person shall make, cause or permit to be made, whether on a highway or elsewhere in the township, commencing from 11 p.m. on any given evening to 6 a.m. on any given morning, any unnecessary noise or unnecessary sound which disturbs the quiet, peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort or convenience of any person is the result of

any activities described in Schedule A and that is audible to 1) A person in a premises or vehicle other than the premises or vehicle from which the noise is originating or 2) A person in a residence other than the residence from which the noise is originating."

Schedule A lists sounds from the operation of engines and construction equipment to persistent pet sounds to selling through shouting, yelling or using an amplified sound.

Councillor Ken Redpath said he'd like to see more restrictions on loud noise during daytime hours and Reeve Barb Reid agreed more probably needed to be done to address daytime noise.

"At the end of the day, all of these things are not enforceable," Reid said. "It's all about public peer pressure. Loud music does get a little more challenging. Telling people they can't crank the tunes up dur-

ing the day is a little harder to sell, I think, personally."

McKnight told councillors to submit a list of suggestions.

Fines for violating the noise bylaw are \$150.

The draft fireworks bylaw states that no one should set off fireworks within the township at any time.

Exceptions are five days before and after holidays including Victoria Day, Canada Day, Labour Day and situations where the fire chief has issued a special permit.

Provisions will not apply to municipal events.

Councillor Brigitte Gall, who first suggested the township crack down on the overuse of fireworks last year, said she'd like to see a larger fine than the \$250 prescribed in the draft bylaw.

Gall said she'd like to see the fine

increased to as much as \$1,000, but McKnight said the province wouldn't allow that to happen.

"We can try for \$500, but it would likely remain in the \$250 area," he said.

Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch said she didn't think there was much point in beefing up bylaws too much if the township doesn't really have the resources to enforce them.

"Most people tend to obey the rules," said Redpath. "But if there are no rules, there's nothing for them to obey."

Redpath questioned whether Labour Day was a big occasion for fireworks and whether or not it needed to be included as an exception in the bylaw.

"I think Labour Day is one of the big ones for people," McKnight said.

He'll be working on the bylaws and bringing them back to council.

Evicted man publicly shames MH council

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Minden Hills councillors took a verbal

lash from a man the township evicted from South Lake Trailer Park earlier this year during a March 14 committee-of-the-whole meeting.

"Shame on you all for forcing a senior

citizen from his home in the middle of winter," Jim McGregor, 67, told councillors.

Under the township's zoning bylaw, the trailer park is a recreational commercial zone, meaning it can operate from April to Nov. 30.

It has no running water or sanitation facilities during the winter months.

After he was informed by the township he was in violation of the bylaw and would have to leave, McGregor made a delegation to council on Jan. 17, asking to stay through the remainder of this winter and promising he would seek alternative winter lodgings next year.

Councillors, while expressing regret, went with the staff recommendation that McGregor be forced to leave.

"The township will be conducting fur-

ther inspections no later than Jan. 31 and should the inspections reveal that continued use of this trailer site/trailer is occurring, the township will commence legal proceedings against you and any other person who has occupied the trailer site/trailer outside the permitted operating season," a letter to McGregor from Minden Hills solicitor Edward B. Veldboom read.

At the March 14 meeting, McGregor asked councillors who had supported the eviction to raise their hands.

"Council had a recommendation from staff, which council supported," said Reeve Barb Reid, explaining that recorded votes are only taken when requested by a member of council.

"Shame on all of you for not knowing all the factors regarding my request," said McGregor. "Shame on all of you for assuming that a bylaw is set in stone."

McGregor claimed he was never informed of council's ruling.

"Shame on you Reeve Reid, I have yet to be officially advised in writing of the council's decision about my request," he said. "The township had no problem in threatening me in writing to move out. You are the elected representatives of the taxpayers, your employers, of the Township of Minden Hills and should see to proper administration . . . shame, shame, shame. Have a good day."

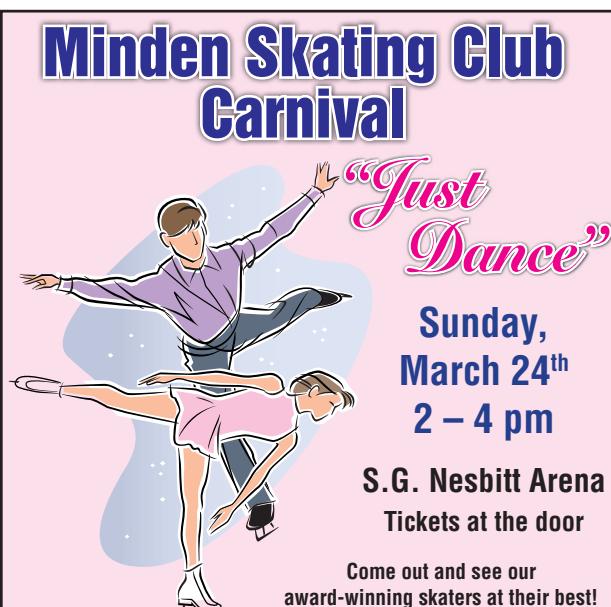
With that, McGregor left the room.

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Active transportation levels on rise

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The following are brief reports of discussions from a March 14 Minden Hills committee-of-the-whole meeting.

It seems Mindenites are becoming more active or at least that more physical activity is taking place in Minden.

Councillors heard a presentation from Kate Hall and Sue Shikaze of the Communities in Action committee, which works with local governments to promote the use of active transportation – walking, biking, running, etc – within the county.

According to observations made during three-hour periods, the number of people using active transportation in Minden jumped substantially between 2007 and 2011.

For Invergordon Avenue, it went from 10 to 21; for Pritchard Lane it jumped from seven to 24; and for Water Street, it jumped from five to 75.

Much of the township's Riverwalk project was completed during that time period.

Communities in Action will be hosting a forum in Minden on April 23.

Former landfill needs work

The township will be performing work on a former landfill site near Ingoldsby. A February report from the Ministry of Environment identified surface water issues at the site and more permeable cover needs to be applied. According

to a report from property and environmental operations manager Ivan Ingram, the project will cost approximately \$35,000. Ingram suggested the municipality use reserve money to fund the work.

Township to conduct feasibility study

Minden Hills will be hiring Cambrium Environmental sole-source to conduct a \$3,500 feasibility study regarding the installation of a weigh scale at the Scotch Line landfill. Cambrium is the current consultant at the site. "It is the opinion of staff that they could expedite the most-effective study for the Township of Minden Hills," Ingram wrote.

Investigating swimming hole

Staff will be looking at the possibility of a designated swimming area along the downtown stretch of the Gull River. A swimming area is a suggestion that a number of the village's young people gave through a 2012 workshop by the youth advisory committee. In 2011, the municipality took down a rope swing deemed dangerous and number of aging trees from a longtime swimming hole along Invergordon Avenue.

Reporting council expenses

Councillors accepted a report on their expenses for 2012. Total expenses included remuneration, benefits, travel, conference and education expenses. Totals for councillors Lisa Schell and Larry Clarke came in at less than \$20,000 each and were in the area of \$21,400 for councillors Brigitte Gall and Jean Neville; Councillor Ken Redpath approximately \$22,300; Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch approximately \$22,800; and Reeve Barb Reid just more than \$31,000.



According to the Communities in Action committee, active transportation levels in Minden have risen substantially since 2007. /File photo



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One lucky man

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Tom Parish is having a lucky year.

The retired Haliburtonian was the most recent winner of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation Cash for Care early bird draw.

On March 16, Parish's name was selected by foundation chair Peter Oyler for a \$500 prize in the health organization's fundraiser.

Last December Tom and his wife Barb were the winners of \$1 million playing Encore and Lotto Max.

More than 80 per cent of the tickets for the lottery have been sold, with final tickets selling fast, said HHHSF executive director Dale Walker.

All winning tickets go back in the drum for the remaining draws.

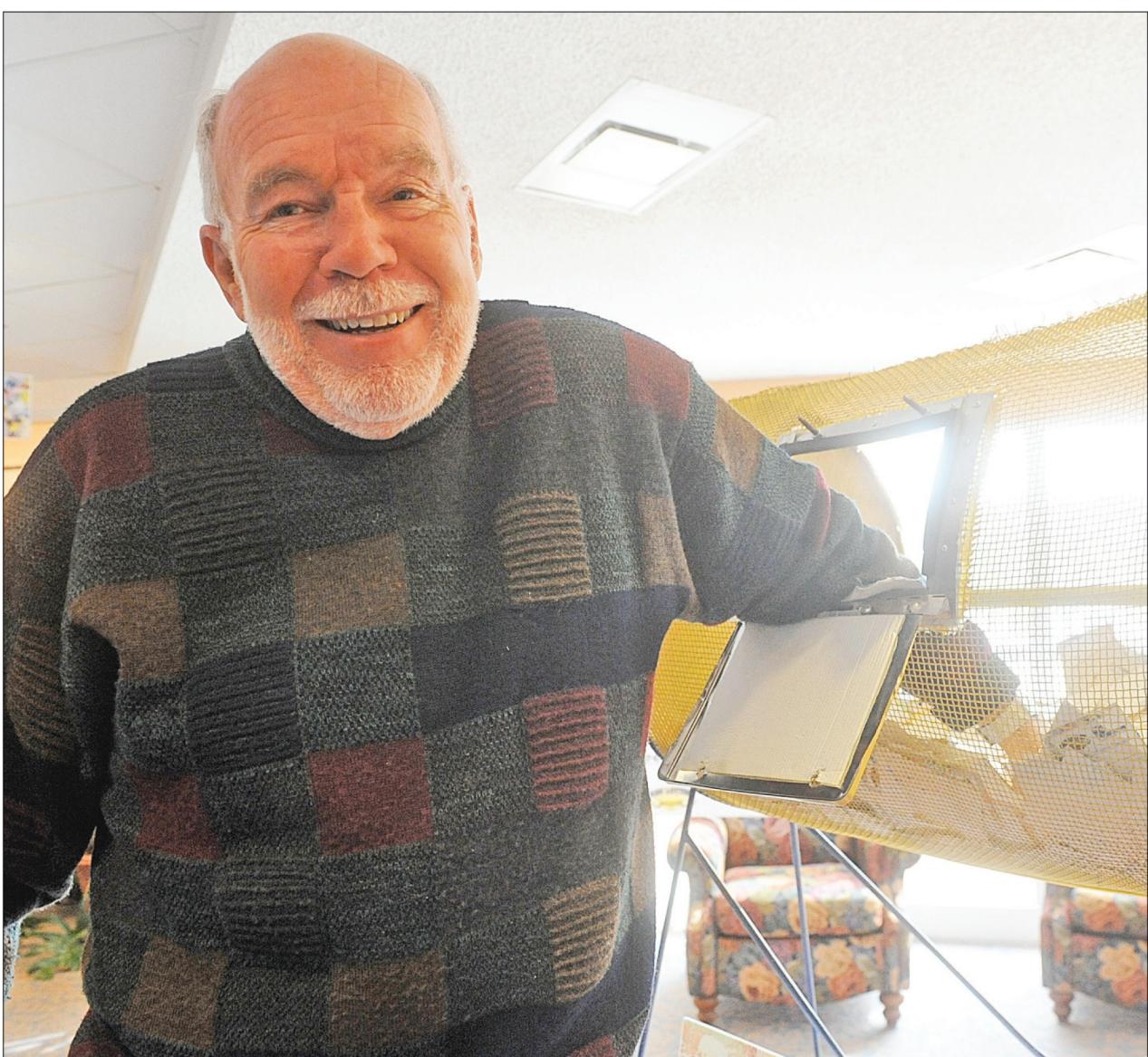
The next draw will be for \$1,000 on April 30.

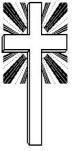
Final draws will take place on May 18 at Sir Sam's ski hill, where \$1,000, \$2,000, \$5,000 and \$15,000 will be given away.

Tickets are \$25 each or five for \$100. To purchase visit TD bank in Minden, Bank of Montreal in Haliburton or contact the foundation office at 705-457-1580.

Angelica Blenich Staff

Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation chairman Peter Oyler draws the winning name out of the second early bird draw for Cash for Care, a lottery raising funds for the health organization. The winner of \$500 was Tom Parish of Haliburton.





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Tournament pits Highland Storm against Ennismore Eagles

The Highland Storm Novices' season came to a close on Monday, March 11 with a tournament in Ennismore.

They played their first game against the Ennismore Eagles.

It was a well matched game. Ennismore got one on the board early in the first, the Storm answered back with a goal by Ty Mills, assisted by Emma Tidey and Nick Phippen.

The start of the second, Mills scored again assisted by Kyan Hall, Ennismore put another one in the net.

The third started with a quick goal from Ennismore, the Storm responded with another goal from Mills to give him a hat trick.

Despite great goaltending from Damon Harriss, Ennismore found the back of the net two more times to end the game 5-3.

With just a short break, the Storm were back on the ice to face Baltimore, who got on the board quickly, with a battle back and forth. Hunter Winder scored assisted by Mills, Baltimore answered back to end the first period.

We just didn't have it in the second with four goals for Baltimore.

We turned it on in the third with a hat trick for Gage Hutchinson, assists for Ryan Rupnow and Winder.

Baltimore got one more in at the end of the third to end the game 7-4.

The Storm met up with Ennismore again, the Storm got on the board quickly with a goal for Hutchinson unassisted.

Ennismore tied it up halfway through the first.

Once again Hutchinson found the back of the net assisted by Mills and Hall.

Ennismore scored twice more to end the first period.

The second period was fought hard with only one goal for Ennismore.

The third period brought lots of action, unfortunately the Storm were unable to hold back Ennismore who got two quick goals at the start of the period.

The Storm scored with a goal for Phippen assisted by Matthew Vargas and Hutchinson, Ennismore answered back with three more goals, Winder scored assisted by Mills with under a minute left, but it was not enough and it ended the game 9-4.

Submitted by Trish Phippen



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Men.

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| High Avg. Ken Thompson | 208 |
| High single. Ken Thompson | 290 |
| High single Hdcp. Ernie Winterburn | 329 |
| High triple. Ken Thompson | 744 |
| High triple Hdcp. Ken Thompson | 789 |

Ladies.

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| High avg. Chris Cote | 188 |
| High single. Mabel Clendenning | 306 |
| High single Hdcp. Mabel Clendenning | 363 |
| High triple. Mabel Clendenning | 676 |
| High triple Hdcp. Mabel Clendenning | 767 |

Tues night. Mar. 12

Men

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|--------------------------------|-----|
| High avg. Ken Thompson | 206 |
| High single. Ken Thompson | 271 |
| High single Hdcp. Ken Thompson | 286 |
| High triple. Peter Lacia | 617 |
| High triple Hdcp. Brock Thomas | 720 |

Ladies.

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|----------------------------------|-----|
| High avg. Marlene Robinson | 173 |
| High single. Cathy Lancia | 267 |
| High single Hdcp. Sheri Holleran | 323 |
| High triple. Brenda Harding | 568 |
| High triple Hdcp. Cathy Lancia | 716 |

Wed aft. Mar. 13/12

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| High avg. Ken Thompson | 214 |
| High single Ken Thompson | 260 |
| High single Hdcp. Rudy Grosschadl | 302 |
| High triple. Ken Thompson | 661 |
| High triple Hdcp. Rudy Grosschadl | 753 |

Ladies.

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|------------------------------|-----|
| High avg. Chris Cote | 187 |
| High single. Vicki Ross | 250 |
| High single Hdcp. Vicki Ross | 315 |
| High triple. Vicki Ross | 541 |
| High triple Hdcp. | 736 |

Thur. aft. Mar. 14

Men.

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|----------------------------|-----|
| High avg. Ken Thompson | 210 |
| High single Bill fry | 266 |
| High single Hdcp. Bill Fry | 309 |
| High triple. Ken Thompson | 616 |
| High triple Hdcp. Bill Fry | 676 |

Ladies.

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|-------------------------------|-----|
| High avg. Chris Cote | 190 |
| High single. Ren Higgins | 272 |
| High single Hdcp. Ren Higgins | 310 |
| High triple. Ren Higgins | 640 |
| High triple Hdcp. Ren Higgins | 754 |

THE FAST LANE

Scores for the Monday night league are as follows:

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|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| March 11 | |
| Ladies High Single Flat | 269 - Cathy Snell |
| Mens High Single Flat | 248 - Rick West |
| Ladies High Single With Hd Cap | 279 - Cathy Snell |
| Mens High Single With Hd Cap | 274 - Scott Welch |
| Ladies High Triple Flat | 670 - Cathy Snell |
| Mens High Triple Flat | 631 - Doug Reinwald |
| Ladies High Triple With Hd Cap | 771 - Linda Therrien |
| Mens High Triple With Hd Cap | 741 - Jim Therrien |

Scores for the Haliburton County Red Wolves special Olympics Teams: March 6
Mens

| | |
|--------------------|-----|
| 1st Brandon Bailey | 163 |
| 2nd Brad Trumball | 156 |
| 3rd Jason Holloway | 151 |
| Ladies | |
| 1st Skylar Pratt | 166 |
| Dawn Piercy | 136 |
| Robin Fletcher | 132 |

Scores for the week of Mar. 14

| | | |
|------------------------------|-----|---------------|
| Ladies High Single Flat | 205 | Grace Chapman |
| Men's High Single Flat | 263 | Ron Cummings |
| Ladies High Single With Hdcp | 250 | Grace Chapman |
| Men's High Single With Hdcp | 273 | Don Stiver |
| Ladies High Triple Flat | 514 | Edith Alzner |
| Men's High Triple Flat | 523 | Ron Cummings |

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|------------------------------|-----|-----------------|
| Ladies High Triple With Hdcp | 650 | Gloria Wagg |
| Men's High Triple With Hdcp | 697 | Stu Vanderburg |
| Men's High Average | 180 | Gerry Wagg |
| Ladies High Average | 171 | Helen Dentinger |

Scores For The Week Of Mar. 18/13

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|------------------------------|-----|---------------|
| Ladies High Single Flat | 268 | Donna West |
| Men's High Single Flat | 221 | Rick West |
| Ladies High Single With Hdcp | 324 | Donna West |
| Men's High Single With Hdcp | 249 | Doug Reinwald |
| Ladies High Triple Flat | 612 | Donna West |
| Men's High Triple Flat | 595 | Rick West |
| Ladies High Triple With Hdcp | 780 | Donna West |
| Men's High Triple With Hdcp | 667 | Rick West |
| | 667 | Doug Reinwald |



Congratulations!

The Minden Curling Club Monday Mixed League winners hold the Dominion Hotel trophy. Congratulations on a successful second session.

From left to right Steve Robson, vice, Gail Simon, second, Mike Clellow, skip and Judy Warren, lead.

Submitted by Jim Gillanders, Photo by Gord Sheehan



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Mother Nature was somewhat agreeable for this March Break! Conditions weren't the best, but at least it didn't rain on anyone's outdoor fun.

You read it here - I gave in to pressure. Since the passing of our beautiful black cat, Mowgli, last fall, I was adamant that there would be no more additions to the pet family - we already have one cat and two dogs!

Our house is big and used to be called the Red Barn Snack Bar, but please understand it was never a barn (and four animals do not make it a barn) and there is loads of room for God's creatures to run and play.

The fact is that pets need attention and they also make housework an endless chore. Anyway, after many con-

versations and with certain terms in place (such as who is going to do the kitty litter), I reluctantly agreed to a new cat. Sneaky Nigel had already been looking and had his eye on a little black and white cat at the Minden pet store.

Well, coming home from work last Sunday, Luna was already here! When you adopt a cat these days they come with a starter kit - amongst it all is a can of food, some treats, their own dish and an instruction booklet.

There is a chapter on introducing them to any other cat in the house. That is all well but the other cat, Ashley, can't read. So we have much activity at the house right now, with three pet personalities set in their way against an intruder. I'm sure it will all work out, but for now I will be using my earplugs at night.

My treat for March Break was having my granddaughter Alyssa and her friend, River Christiano, stay over. Sometimes I forget how much fun that age group is, the imagination and especially the humour. Watching a movie isn't just watching a movie, it's about rewinding the fun bits and playing them over while eating bowls of popcorn and mak-

ing pasta at 10:30 p.m.

Winter is going by really fast and as much as I thought cabin fever might hit, it hasn't. This has been the busiest winter that I can remember.

One of the things I had planned to do was to continue on writing the history of my family. For the last few years, I have been interviewing Ma for her recollections of her childhood. Between her and my Pop, they had almost two dozen siblings and many of which have since passed. It's a misfortune when this information isn't shared.

It has been a very rewarding experience to get this history and Ma's humorous and sometimes heart-warming ways of repeating long ago tales of a life we can only imagine. So I did write some more and I have many years to cover. It's not going to be a best-seller, but rather a personal trip into the past. Hopefully my granddaughters will enjoy it someday.

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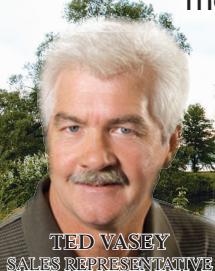
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Patti Fleury
Around the Town

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After a St. Patrick's duty day at the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace, we headed up to the Peppermill Restaurant on Hwy. 35 south of Carnarvon for an early dinner. Our friendly server was wearing a black T-shirt emblazoned with a large golden harp and the numbers 119.5 on it. The harp was a familiar symbol, but what was the significance of those numbers? Well, apparently it should take 119.5 seconds to properly pour a pint of Guinness. Some years ago, when we visited Ireland at our Galway lodging, I was shamed into trying this Irish iconic beverage. Suffice to say that their light golden Harp beer was much more to my liking and available right here at the Kinmount LCBO. Ireland is a wonderful country to visit with breathtaking landscapes and friendly folks who really do call you "himself" and

"herself". Remnants of abandoned once thatched roofed cottages stand as a stark reminder of the terrible plight facing families who after a perilous voyage came to new lands. Many pioneers along our Galway Rand were the sons and daughters of the Irish emigrants who settled in Emily, Ennismore and Douro Townships during the Peter Robinson migration of the 1820s. One day walking at the top of our hill I crossed over to Lot 23 and came upon a grave stone marker which read "the infants of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny O'Brien 1856". It was a moving experience so I stayed awhile just listening to the wind sing.

Last Sunday at Kinmount United Church the service reflected Irish heritage in both song and story. Rev. Desmond Howard who was born and raised in Belfast, Northern Ireland shared an Irish blessing with the congregation. "May you have warm words on a cold evening, a full moon on a dark night and the road downhill all the way to your door".

Welcome spring at the Legion branch 441 Kinmount starting with karaoke on

Saturday, March 20 at 8 p.m. with DJ Paul Wilson. There is no admission charge and a large variety of songs to choose from. Planning ahead mark your calendars for the lunch and spring fashion show on Sunday, April 14 presented by the Lindsay fashion shop "gauze 2Go". The admission price includes lunch at noon followed by the fashion show starting at 1:30 p.m. There are a limited number of tickets sold and advanced tickets are available at the Legion at 705-488-3462 or at the Gauze2Go store in Lindsay at 705-878-5556. The popular Tuesday lunches return on April 30 and will continue on the last Tuesday of each month until late fall.

Rumour has it that the Easter Bunny will be busy hiding eggs for the Great Easter Egg Hunt coming up on Saturday, March 30 at 1 p.m. in Austin Sawmill Heritage Park. Be sure to bring along your basket.

Beginning on Wednesday, April 10 the Highlands Biblical Storytellers Guild will be hosting learning opportunities on the ancient art of storytelling of all types. Meetings will be held in Minden on the

first and third Wednesday of the month at St. Paul's Anglican Church from noon to 1:30 p.m. so bring along your sandwich. For more information please call Ruth Carter at 705-455-9459 or Reverend Joan at 705-286-1817.

For the second year students entering their first or second year of post secondary studies and who reside within a 15 km. radius of Kinmount are eligible to apply for bursary support from the Kinmount and District Educational Bursary Fund. Candidates must have a satisfactory overall academic standing and have successfully applied for government assistance through the OSAP program. The submission deadline for the Kinmount & District Bursary Fund is May 31 and application forms are available at the Kinmount Pharmacy on the lower level of the health Centre.

The Craft for Kids morning sponsored by the Kinmount and Area Artisans Guild welcomed some thirty participants. It was great fun so thanks to all who volunteered their time and talents.

Until next week ...

Pick up your sprouts from the recreation centre weekly



Melissa Alfano
Dorset News

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For more information or to reserve a spot, please call Pat Schell at 705-766-2373 by Tuesday, March 26. Adults are \$12 and children are \$6. Tickets will not be available at the door.

The Dorset Recreation Centre is a pick up depot for the weekly delivery of sprouts and micro-greens from the CSA Four Seasons Greens. Sprouts and micro-greens are natural super foods packed with the nutrition of chlorophyll, enzymes and vitamins. In our area getting enough fresh organic greens can be a challenge, especially in winter.

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Packages are generously filled with sprouts such as alfalfa, ancient eastern blend, broccoli, chef's blend, clover, sandwich booster, spring salad mix, crunchy bean or radish and greens such as pea shoot, sunflower greens and wheatgrass is available by special request. To sign up or to find out more, email Sharon and Steve at info@FourSeasonGreens.com or call 705-405-0449.

Don't forget to save your used postage stamps for a great cause. Jim Schell is collecting used stamps for an OXFAM program with proceeds going to third world children's food programs and medical supplies. It doesn't cost anything to participate - just take a moment to cut out

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COUNTY OF HALIBURTON LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the *Planning Act* and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

AND FURTHER THAT at its meeting to be held **Monday, April 8, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, these Applications for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

1. File No. H-004/13
Applicant: Cheryl HOUSTON, Estates of Leola & Mark WHEELER
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 3, Concession 5, Geographic Township of Stanhope
Nature of the Application: Right-of-way
2. File No. H-009/13
Applicant: Gerke HEERINGA & James GALBRAITH
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 9, Concession 11, Geographic Township of Sherborne
Nature of the Application: Lot Addition

Additional information regarding any of the above-noted applications is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office by appointment during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 20th day of March, 2013.

Michele Moore
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Haliburton County Land Division Committee
11 Newcastle Street
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the stamp before you recycle that used envelope. Save them at home until you have an envelope or baggie full and drop them in at the Dorset Recreation Centre, or give Jim a call at 705-766-2373.

Birthday wishes for March 17 to 23 go out to Meghan

Allore, Cody Ryan, Audrey Clayton, Kaleigh Schuetze, Jason Leslie, George Sargla, Judith McConkey and Ron MacKay!

Give me a call or drop me a line to send special wishes to your loved ones. For all who have birthdays, anniversaries and special occasions this week, have fun and celebrate your special day!

If you have items for the Dorset News, please send them to my home email address: malfano@hotmail.ca, or give me a call at home: 705-766-0076.

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March 23: Gooderham United Church Easter Craft & Bake Sale beginning at 10a.m. – 3p.m. Lunch available.

March 23: Maple Lake United Church Ham Dinner: (All you can eat) Located at Hwy 118 and Airport Road, beginning at 5:00p.m. and 6:30p.m. (Reservations recommended) For more information please call Merrie at 705-754-2258 or Beverly at 705-286-2130.

March 23: Stanhope Soccer registration, located at the Stanhope Fire Fighter's Hall. March 23 from 10a.m. – 12p.m. Please call 705-766-9968 for more information

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April 2: The Minden & District Horticultural Society's monthly meeting at 1 p.m. at the Minden Community Centre Linda McLeod of Cedar Lane Gardens her topic is "Building A Rock Garden" call Rose for more information at 705 286 3157

Legion closed Easter weekend for maintenance



CVITP Clinics will be offering services on a volunteer basis to complete 2012 tax returns for seniors and veterans.

These clinics will be located at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 636 at 12847 - 35 Highway in Minden every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. from March 13 to April 24.

This program is coordinated with Canada Revenue Agency through the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program.

Those wishing to have their taxes done will need to show their identification and are asked questions required to fill out the tax return.

Two forms will be required - a taxpayer authorization form and if they would like their tax return sent by direct deposit there is also a form for that.

They must also bring all pertinent tax slips and receipts for medical, donations, RRSP contributions and/or rental/property tax payments.

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Haliburton Media Arts and Haliburton County Folk Society are projects of the Haliburton County Community Cooperative. For more information or a full job description contact Tammy Rea at (705) 935-0298, tammy.l.rea@gmail.com or Barrie Martin at 705-754-3436, barrie.martin@sympatico.ca This position is being funded by the Haliburton County Development Corporation.

Please submit your cover letter and resume to Barrie Martin via
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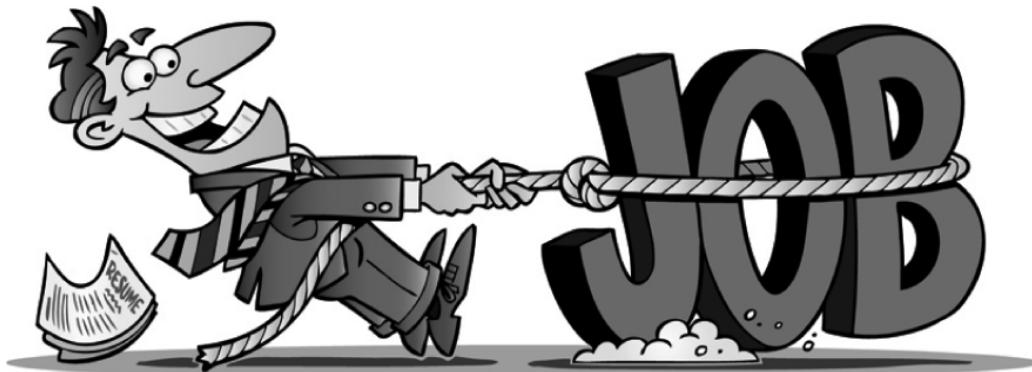
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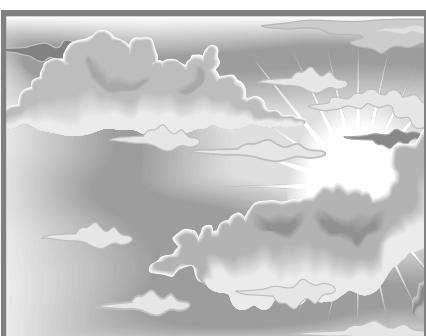
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March 12 Mixed Shuffleboard at Stanhope Firehall: Top spot at 365 went to the duo of Sandy Poulton and Jason Peacock then in second place Dorene Elstone and Pam Pappas 351. In third were Eleanor Lymer and George Hamilton 262 with Jean Randell and Bev Alexander taking the afternoon's low of 201. Thanks to Pearl Cowen for this news.

March 12 Minden Seniors bid euchre at Minden Legion: Leading ladies were Vi Howell 286, Janice Davidson 282, Yette Ezard 270 and Pat Roussel 269. First for the gents at 323 was Ida Young followed by Dorothy McElwain 300, Jesse Barlow 283 and Bruce Medcalf 259. Belle Walker won the major draw with Jean Scadden, Janice Davidson and Kevin Maloney claiming the smaller prizes. Betty Wagar also reports that moonshots landed on Marcy Morgan, Dorothy McElwain, Jean Scadden, Pat Roussel, Dana Briscoe, Sharron Atkinson, Vi Howell and Marcel Roussel [2].

March 12 contract bridge at Minden United Church: Nancy Ballantyne reports that the top three players were Jim Burrows 3,960, Carole Anne Schell 3,550 and Tom Thompson 3,190.

March 12 euchre at Lochlin Community Centre: It was Gelert's turn with Betty Hicks winning for most lone hands and Harold Harvie the draw. For the ladies our reporter Rae Dawn Shephard was high and Gala Newell low while Tom Grix posted the high score for the gents and Ralph Young the low.

March 12 contract bridge at Club 35: Tied for top spot at 4,910 were Pearl Foster and Irena Zworska then Sandy McKay 4,500 and Joan McDonald 4,430. Irena also won the lucky draw and had a Small Slam with Pearl Foster while the Shiny Penny was awarded to Donna Hackwood.

March 13 bid euchre at Stanhope: First for the whites at 272 was Colin Miller then our reporter Linda Lambert 269 and Pat Scadden 267. Marg Oetelaar topped the pinks at 269 followed by Jean Scadden 257 and Yette Ezard 250 while Al McMullen [2], Jean Scadden and Colin Miller took the moonshots.

March 13 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing Howell the honours went to Joan Galley and Jackie Metcalf at 63 percent and at 60 percent the duo of Stella McMillan and Ev Morgan. A special note of thanks goes to Muriel McIntosh our interim bridge reporter for three weekly events for all her assistance.

March 14 bid euchre at Minden Community Centre: Bev Johnson reports that top marks for the ladies went to the birthday [#98] lady June Branning at 334 then Muriel McIntosh 319, Pat Roussel 303 and Janice Davidson 259. Doug McIntosh led the gents at 261 followed by Pat Scadden 256, Betty Wagar 254 and Archie Ross 240. Major draw winner was Doug McIntosh with Dorothy McElwain, Pat Bailey and Vi Howell taking the smaller prizes. Doug also had a moonshot along with Pat Scadden, Pat Roussel, Tom Grix [2] and Theresa Deak [3].

March 14 euchre at Minden Legion: Lone hand holders were Jim Bradbury and Tom Grix with Karen Chapman and Jesse Barlow posting the high scores. Theresa Deak and John Priestley took the lows with Theresa and Jesse along with our reporter May and Jim Bradbury [2] taking home the other prizes.

March 15 euchre at Staanworth Court, Minden: Sherin Brown won for high hands, Nick Boekestyn for lone hands, Doreen Francis for low hands and Murray Daniels for the special prize. Thanks to Shirley Howe for her update.

March 15 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Playing Howell Ross Fletcher and Reet Murray led at 57 percent then Kathie Porter and Helen Baker 52 percent.

March 15 bid euchre at Club 35: Jean Randell topped the pinks at 249 with Marg Oetelaar 201 second and Linda Cherry 175 third. At 221 Penny Elliott led the whites then Linda Lambert 220 and Al McMullen 217. The hidden score was held by our reporter Jean Dutka with moonshots going to Linda Lambert, Dwaine Lloyd, Marg Oetelaar and Garth Windsor.

March 16 bid euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Leading ladies were Pat Roussel 332, Vi Howell 259, our reporter Sherin Brown 253 and tied for fourth place June

Branning and Pearl Cowen 236. High scores for the gents went to Pat Bailey 271, Marcel Roussel 256, Albert Foster 251 and Pat Scadden 246. Taking the moonshots were Betty Wagar, Sherin Brown, Dorothy McElwain and Albert Foster with birthday lady June Branning winning the special prize.

March 17 euchre at 6 Parkside, Minden: Winning for high hands was Michael Myles, for lone hands our reporter Arthur Forbes, for low hands Carol Derbyshire and for the special prize Jayne Cooper.

March 17 Sunday Bid Euchre at Minden Community Centre: At this monthly event top marks went to Dwaine Lloyd 382, Pat Roussel 321 and Theresa Deak 312 with Ron Morrison and our reporter Bev Johnson tied for the hidden score. The next date will be on the third Sunday of the month April 21st.

March 18 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Lone hand holders were Mabel Deacon and Lillian Mann with Margaret Fletcher and Maxine Snell posting the high scores. Ed Braithwaite had the afternoon's low score with Mabel Deacon also claiming the special prize. From Barbara Braithwaite comes a reminder that there will not be euchre on Easter Monday, April 1 st.

March 18 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: The top trio members were Ida Young 377, Sharron Atkinson 313 and Jessica Hutton 298. Our reporter Rose Isaacson won the draw while moonshots landed on Jessica Hutton, Tom Grix, Frank Franzen, Theresa Deak, Jesse Barlow and Gala Newell [2].

March 18 euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Winning for high hands was Murray Daniels, for lone hands Albert Foster, for low hands Shirley Howe and for the special prize Pat Bailey. Thanks to Elaine Yeo for this news.

March 18 euchre at Club 35: Lone hand honours went to Jean Dutka with Dorene Elstone and Linda Voycey posting the high scores. Carol McMullen and our reporter Garth Windsor took the evening's lows with Linda Voycey also claiming the prized baloney.

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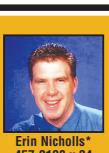
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